

WILSON WILL FORWARD THE NOTES WITH NO COMMENT

President Decides That Attitude of Entente Allies Would Make Any Move By the United States Now Most Inopportune

RUSSIAN DUMA FLOUTS GERMAN PEACE TERMS

By Unanimous Vote Refuses To Accept Proffer Made By the Kaiser's Chancellor In His Recent Address Before Reichstag

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, December 16.—It was officially announced last night that the administration will not send any message of its own to the Entente powers when it forwards the notes of the Central powers, proposing opening of negotiations looking toward peace.

While it was not definitely stated in the announcement it is believed that the attitude of the Entente Allies toward the proposals put forward by the German chancellor as evidenced by the action of the Russian Duma yesterday and the unofficial statement of statesmen and leaders of the warring powers, that the President is convinced that such a move by the United States government at this time would be inopportune and has decided to forward the German proposals without any comment.

Duma Flouts Terms

The Russian duma yesterday, according to despatches from Petrograd to the Reuter agency in London, discussed informally the terms proposed by von Bethmann-Hollweg, and passed by an unanimous vote, a resolution declining to accept the proffer.

While no official statement by any responsible officer of the British government has been made public and while the foreign office of Great Britain is still silent regarding the peace proposals, Arthur Henderson, labor leader in the cabinet and one of the "war cabinet," in a statement made in the course of an address at a dinner, discussed the peace terms of Germany.

UTTERS A WARNING

"We and our allies may be sure," he declared, "that whatever terms Germany is prepared to offer at this time, she will not err on the side of magnanimity. The people of the British Empire are today prepared, as ever, to accept peace, provided it is a just and a permanent peace."

Lloyd-George who is still confined to his room with a severe cold, is much better and expects to be able to deliver his delayed address to the house of commons outlining the policy of the new government, within a few days.

Leichtag Cancels

Despatches from Berlin last night reported that the conservative reichstag members held a caucus yesterday, at which the action of the government in making the now famous peace offer, was discussed and approved. The conservatives adopted a resolution in which it was asserted that the offer had been based upon concrete conditions. The preamble of the resolution begins:

"This offer is of the highest possible importance," and concludes with the words: "The advantage gained by the blood and suffering of our soldiers must be made the basis of a peace which, in so far as human foresight and understanding can do so, will guarantee the military, economic and financial future of Germany."

Seeking To Settle Railway Tangle Outside of Courts

Leaders of Four Railroad Brotherhoods and Officials of Leading Lines Now Negotiating With That End In View

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

EVANSVILLE, Indiana, December 16.—William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced last night that negotiations are now under way between the presidents of the four railway brotherhoods and a number of the highest officials of the principal railroads, looking for a settlement of the questions at issue arising from the enactment of the Adamson law and a settlement of the whole controversy outside of the courts. That such a settlement will be arrived at before the end of the year is the expectation of the trainmen.

The constitutionality of the Adamson Act is now before the Supreme Court for settlement on a test case, agreed between the representatives of the the attorney general's department and the railroads. In this case an appeal from the decision of the federal court of Missouri in the refusal of that court to grant an injunction asked for by the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad, who sought to enjoin the United States marshal from attempting to enforce the provisions of the act.

Whether in the event of an agreement between the railroads and the brotherhoods this test case will be withdrawn or not is not made clear.

JAPANESE LEADER LAUGHS AT OFFER

Viscount Kato Fails To See Why Nippon Or British Should Relinquish Colonies

(Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hoichi)

TOKIO, December 16.—Viscount Kato, former minister of foreign affairs and now the leader of the Kenseikai Party yesterday discussed the offer of peace made by the German chancellor. "I do not believe that England will accept the conditions offered by Germany," the Viscount said, "because Allies have promised not to conclude a partial or separate peace. It is clear that Russia will not wish for peace under present conditions especially since Germany has created a separate kingdom out of Poland. There is no reason why England should return the German colonies in Africa which British military forces have occupied. Why should she give up that territory. Japan has Tsingtau, China, and many islands in the South Seas. I do not believe that we should return these new colonies of our own to Germany."

SMITH FEARS DEATH AT HANDS OF SPIES

Witness in Bomb Plot Cases Explains His Testimony

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—Lewis J. Smith, the state witness in the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general, charged with complicity in the so-called "bomb plots" was on the stand again yesterday.

He stated under examination, that he was testifying for the government because he feared that German spies would murder him, and not because the government had promised him immunity in from the consequences of an alleged violation of the Mann Act in return for his testimony.

TRAINING SHIP SAILS

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Hoichi)

TOKIO, December 16.—The Taisei Maru, the training ship of the Commercial Navigation College will sail for the South Seas and Australia today, taking two hundred graduates and students for practical training.

K. SHODA PROMOTED

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shingo.)

TOKIO, December 16.—K. Shoda, vice-minister of finance was promoted to the minister of finance. He will assume office immediately. Premier Count Terauchi will resign as minister of finance.

Berlin Makes Public List of the Allied Warships Destroyed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

BERLIN, December 16.—A summary of the naval losses of the Entente since the beginning of the war was issued yesterday by the Overseas News Agency, showing that Great Britain has lost one hundred and twenty-nine vessels, with a total of 563,200 tons; France twenty-nine vessels, with a total of 53,900 tons; Italy twenty vessels, with a total of 63,000 tons; Russia sixteen vessels, with a total of 51,800 tons; and Japan four vessels, with a total of 9100 tons.

This gives a total loss to the Entente of one hundred and ninety-eight ships of war, having a total tonnage of 744,000 tons.

ARMY TRANSPORT POUNDING TO BITS

Summer, Aground On New Jersey Shoals; Probably Will Be Total Wreck

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NEW YORK, December 16.—The army transport Summer, which grounded in a fog on the New Jersey shoals, near the Barget Inlet, on the night of Monday last, will probably be a total wreck. Since she ran ashore there has been heavy weather and all efforts to extricate her from her dangerous position have failed.

Reports from Barnegat last night stated that the sea was running high and that the transport was pounding so heavily that it is feared she is commencing to break up.

A number of salvage tugs and government vessels are standing by, but no effort is being made to drag the ship off, the conditions of wind and weather making such impossible.

VALUE OF CROPS SMASH ALL FORMER RECORDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, December 16.—According to partial reports received by the department of agriculture all former records of the nation's crop value have been smashed to shinders by the figures received this year. This is the more remarkable in view of the fact that the bulk of the main crops has been slightly under, rather than over the average.

BOOZE ADS MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM MAILS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—A bill prohibiting the transmission of liquor advertisements by mail except to any licensed liquor dealers or agents was favorably reported to the house today by the committee on postoffice and post roads.

NEW AUSTRIAN ENVOY GRANTED SAFE CONDUCT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, December 15.—Announcement is made that the Entente Allies have decided to grant "safe conduct" to Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, the new Austrian ambassador to the United States, who has hitherto been refused such assurance.

CONGRESS SWAMPED BY PROHIBITION PETITIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Hundreds of petitions asking congress to pass the "dry" amendment to the constitution have been received by members of both the house and senate.

GOVERNMENT PLANNING TO SAVE PRINT PAPER SUPPLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The senate adopted a resolution today directing an investigation into the government use of news print paper, with a view to economizing on its use.

PROPOSES CONVOCATION TO MEET FRENCH CRISIS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

PARIS, December 16.—Pierre Renaudel, socialist leader in the chamber of deputies yesterday proposed a convocation of the senate and chamber to meet the exigencies of the situation.

SENATE READY TO BEGIN MILITARY TRAINING HEARING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The senate committee on military affairs today appointed a sub-committee to hold hearings on the subject of universal military training. Hearings will begin on Monday.

WELCOME BIRDWOMAN

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Hoichi)

TOKIO, December 16.—A dinner of welcome was given to Miss Katherine Brown, American birdwoman, yesterday at the Imperial Hotel by the members of the National Aviation League of Japan. After the dinner Miss Brown made a trial flight late last night. She will make the first flight today at Aoyama parade ground.

A GERM DESTROYER

There is no danger whatever from lack of food or blood poisoning resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an anti-septic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

Bull Moose Party To Be Reincarnated Assert Progressives

Convention In New York Draws Up Plans and Holds Out the Olive Branch To Former President Roosevelt by Resolution

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NEW YORK, December 16.—The Progressive party is to be "reincarnated" with a "new sense of party in dependence," based on the "new liberal spirit evidenced throughout the nation," according to the plans drawn up at a convention here last night of a number of the leaders of the Progressives, representing several States.

The olive branch was held out to Theodore Roosevelt and others, with a suggestion that there might be a "fatted calf available, in a resolution brought before the informal convention.

This resolution provided "permission to reenter the ranks of the party by those former leading Progressives who made a party mistake following the two Chicago conventions of last June." This resolution was discussed but was not put to a vote.

DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS SCORED

Senator Root and Alton B. Parker Speakers At Monster Mass Meeting

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NEW YORK, December 16.—Vigorous denunciation of the illegal action of the German government in forcibly deporting Belgian civilians from their homeland into "slavery" in Germany and strongly worded demands that the government of the United States should bring every possible pressure to bear upon Berlin to cease its policy of military oppression were voiced at a crowded mass meeting held here last night.

Senator Root of New York, former secretary of state and Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic nominee for President in 1904, were the speakers, who spoke in words of the condemnation of the violations of international pledges and the law of humanity as carried on under authority of the German government throughout Belgium. A strong letter from Theodore Roosevelt and another from Archbishop Ireland were read, each urging that the voice of America be raised in protest against the violation of the rules of war and the ravishing of what few Belgians remain to the Belgians in the occupied territory.

MONITOR STANDING BY WRECKED DIVER

Working By Searchlights To Haul H-3 Off Shoal

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

EBREKA, California, December 16.—Working desperately under the search lights of the monitor Cheyenne and other naval vessels which are standing by the stranded submarine H-3, the rescuers are striving to move the diver from breaking up under the pounding of the seas.

The naval tug Arapaho and the Cheyenne have passed additional lines to the H-3 and are ready to attempt to pull her off the shoal as soon as opportunity offers.

A mistake of two miles in the reckoning of the navigator aboard the United States submarine H-3 is rumored to have been the cause for the stranding of the vessel near the entrance of the bay here.

A hawser is now fast to the strand of submersible and Commander Howe of the monitor Cheyenne said today that he will attempt to pull her off the shoal as soon as the weather permits.

DAVID CAPLAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LOS ANGELES, December 16.—David Caplan, accused of murder, was found guilty of manslaughter by the jury which tried his case. The jury was out hardly five hours. He will be sentenced Monday. The penalty under the California law is from one to ten years.

GUTHRIE SEES MOTONO

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shingo)

TOKIO, December 16.—United States Ambassador Guthrie called Viscount Ito, minister of foreign affairs, yesterday and discussed a certain important diplomatic matter for about two hours. Motono refused to divulge the object of the American ambassador's visit.

CITY TREASURER CONKLING PAID \$167,150 LAST MONTH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

According to the report sent to the board of supervisors by City Treasurer D. L. Conklings, the treasury department redeemed registered warrants during the month of November to the amount of \$167,150.78. There still remain in the department unredeemed warrants to the amount of \$31,664.45. This amount is divided as follows: General fund, \$33,002.43; school fund, \$271.47; sewer works fund, \$48,390.55.

NEW REGULATIONS HIT BIG INCOMES

More Than \$3000 Taxes By Uncle Sam; Revised Form Reaches Local Revenue Office

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

Every person having a net income of \$3000 or more per annum is required to make a return thereon, under the new regulations for the collection of the federal income tax.

This new regulation, received this week by the local internal revenue office, affects a large number of persons in Hawaii who heretofore have not had to bother their heads about the income tax.

The regulation reads: "Every citizen of the United States and every alien residing within the United States having for the year 1916 a net income of \$3000 or over, including dividends and income on which the tax has been withheld at the source, is required on or before March 1, 1917, to make a return on form 1040, revised. Such return is required regardless of the fact that in some instances the net income amounts to less than the personal exemption to which the individual is entitled."

The new regulation is just opposite of the one in force heretofore and affects a much larger proportion of the population.

For instance, under the old law a person with a net income of, say, \$4000 derived entirely from dividends was not required to make an income tax return, as the income tax had been paid by the corporation from which the dividends were derived, previous to their distribution. Under the new law such a return is required, notwithstanding the fact that no tax is collectable. The idea is, as explained yesterday by Acting Collector of Internal Revenue Ralph Johnstone, that the government reserves the right to decide for itself as to the exemptions claimed by the individual.

Every individual who pays salary, interest, rental and so forth to another person in excess of \$3000 is required to withhold one per cent from the entire amount, unless an exemption certificate is filed, in which case the tax should be withheld only on the amount paid in excess of the exemption claimed.

Single men are allowed an exemption of \$3000 and married men an exemption of \$4000. No surtax is collected on incomes under \$20,000. But here is the difference between the old and the new law: Under the old law a person with an income of \$20,000 derived from dividends and a personal income of \$3000 (if he were single) and no income tax, if he were single, would have been collected at the source. Under the new law the dividend income and the personal income must be added together, and if the total is in excess of \$20,000, the surtax is collected on the excess.

PINKHAM PARDONS LOOTER OF BANK

Goo Tai Chong, Former Teller of Trust Company Given His Freedom

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

Goo Tai Chong, former teller of the First American Savings and Trust Company of this city, who was accused of the embezzlement of \$50,000 of the company's funds and convicted April 21, 1915, was paroled yesterday by Governor Pinkham, having served a little more than three years of his sentence of from five to ten years in the penitentiary.

The Governor also issued a parole to Henry H. Lewis, convicted of second degree robbery. He was sentenced May 5, 1915, to two years.

Others released from prison by executive clemency yesterday included Manuel Mangual, Eugenio Franco, Juan Ramon, Nicholas Fioma, Takeguchi and Nemesio Gorgepe.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, December 15.—The Norwegian steamer Kampanger, the Portuguese steamer Lova, formerly the German steamer Enos, and the British steamer Glenace have been sunk.

Feel Achy All Over?



"When Your Back Is Lame—Remember the Name." Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and take no other. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50c a box, (six boxes \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., or Benson, Smith & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Villa Will Be Good If Uncle Sam Will Halt Pursuit

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.) EL PASO, December 15.—A government agent here says that General Villa has made overtures to the United States. If the Americans will cease pursuit of him and his bands, he has promised to cease depredations on American property and to discontinue killing Americans in Mexico.

Reports of further outrages continue to reach here. An American who has arrived from Santa Rosalia confirms the killing of Dr. C. H. Fisher at Parral. Doctor Fisher, who was an American and had lived in Mexico for years, was shot in a cemetery by Villa's order, despite the pleas of other Americans. An unidentified foreigner was also shot at Parral.

Henry Clark, an American ranch owner, was caught by the Villistas at Jimenez and ordered shot and stripped. His son, who offered to join the Villistas to save his father's life, was spared.

GREECE ACCEPTS TERMS OF ENTENTE ALLIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, December 16.—It is announced that Greece has accepted the terms imposed upon her by the Entente Allies. An Athens despatch today brings news of the compliance. Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly, according to the demands, and a certain number of soldiers concentrated in Peloponnese.

OPPOSITION ATTACKING TERAUCHI ADMINISTRATION

(Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hoichi)

TOKIO, December 16.—The opposition parties have begun to attack the present cabinet, headed by General Count Terauchi. K. Inagaki, leader of the Kokuminto or national party, bitterly assailed the attitude of the Terauchi cabinet, in an address made in Shiga yesterday, and declared that his party has decided to present a resolution of impeachment of the present cabinet in the next session of the diet.

SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN THREE DECISIONS

District Magistrate of Honolulu Upheld In Two Cases

Three supreme court opinions were handed down yesterday, all of them unanimous. The opinions were: *Per Curiam*. The judgment appealed from the district magistrate of Honolulu affirmed in the case of the Honolulu Construction & Draying Company against H. B. Reade, defendant, and the City and County of Honolulu, garnishee.

By Associate Justice Watson: "We are of the opinion that the City and County of Honolulu was liable to garnishment and that the judgment appealed from should be affirmed, and it is so ordered," says the decision in conclusion in the case of M. T. Teves against H. B. Reade, defendant, and the City and County of Honolulu, garnishee. In this case, also, Judge Monsarrat, district magistrate of Honolulu, was sustained. Incidentally, too, this was the last opinion to be written by Associate Justice Watson, whose resignation from the supreme court took effect yesterday.

By Chief Justice Robertson: In the two cases of the Territory, for the use and benefit of the County of Maui, against Edmund H. Hart, W. L. Decato, Patrick Cuckett, F. E. Baldwin and W. T. Robinson, on the one hand, and against Edmund H. Hart, W. T. Robinson and A. Garin, on the other hand, Circuit Judge Edging was not upheld and the orders sustaining the pleas to the jurisdiction were reversed, the cases being remanded to the circuit judge for further proceedings.

HOLLAND MAY MOBILIZE FLEET TO CARRY FOOD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

THE HAGUE, December 16.—The minister of commerce last night announced that the government of Holland is seriously contemplating mobilizing the entire mercantile fleet of the nation for the purpose of bringing food stuffs overseas.

Germany Explains Why American Steamer Was Sunk

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

BERLIN, December 16.—Through her foreign office, The Associated Press has learned authoritatively that the reply of Germany to the American note of inquiry, regarding the sinking of the American Hawaiian steamer Columbian in the Mediterranean last month, will be that the vessel was carrying contraband.

The Columbian, the German reply will state, was not simply in ballast, as claimed, but was loaded with a partial cargo of steel for delivery to an enemy of Germany, thus justifying her capture and her destruction.

SUPERVISORS PASS RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Many Citizens Appear Before City Fathers In Favor of the Bonds

EVERY MEMBER OF BOARD CASTS VOTE FOR THE POLL

Not One Opposing Voice Raised By Crowd Which Attended Meeting

On February 21 a bond election will be held at which the people of Honolulu will be asked to vote on the proposition of floating a bond issue of \$480,000 to complete water and sewer improvements that are admitted to be badly needed.

This decision was reached last night by the board of supervisors at one of the most exciting meetings held in the assembly hall for a long time. When the motion was made by Supervisor Larsen to pass the resolution calling for the special election, it was voted for by every member of the board.

The assembly hall was crowded with prominent citizens from all parts of the city who came to the meeting to express their views on the proposed election. A number of them who were unable to get into the room remained in the corridor. Although many spoke on the subject there was not a single objection raised to the proposition to give Honolulu sufficient money to carry out the improvements that the city sorely needs if it is to keep pace with its growth.

Dormen Persons Speak

Nearly a dozen persons spoke and every one was emphatic in his opinion that the improvements should be carried out and that the quickest and best way to get the work done was by a bond issue. By many of them it was stated to be an imperative duty of the city to go forward in its improvements and the keen necessity for a decent sewage system was brought out by more than one speaker.

February 21 was the date set for the election and a proclamation will at once be printed setting forth in full the various items for which the money will be spent. If the spirit of the meeting last night can be taken as an indication of the attitude of the general public on the subject, the bond issue will carry by an overwhelming majority.

Supervisor Arnold shared the program which ultimately became a general clamor to give Honolulu enough money to place the city in the front rank in the matter of civic improvement. Arnold explained how the administration had done its best to make the frontage tax law a success and pointed out the various improvements that had been projected and were already under way. All future improvements, declared Arnold, were dependent on the laying of water and sewer mains. For this reason, if for no other, he stated that he favored a bond issue.

Hatch Also Favors Bond

Supervisor Hatch immediately followed with the statement that he was strongly in favor of a bond election, chiefly for the reason that sewers were the first necessity of the city. He mentioned particularly the cesspools that are a constant menace to the health of the city.

"It is true that we need roads," he said, "but roads are in a sense luxuries. It does not matter how bad a road may be it is not bad for the health. But with sewers it is different. On them depends the health of the city. I hope that the committee will recommend that an election be called."

Supervisor Logan, who was chairman of the meeting in the absence of the Mayor, explained that an increase in the tax rate would not take care of sewer and water development. According to his view the tax would have to be raised to a point where the people would object and the running of the city government would have to be skimped. There was no way out of it, according to Logan, except by floating bonds, which he hoped would be done and the work started at once.

Fear Favors Bonds

Former Governor Fear, who was at the meeting on another matter, announced that he had thought over the matter and that he was in favor of the bonds. It was a good thing, he said, and he believed that it would carry without the slightest doubt. "We can't go to fast with city improvements," he said, "and I believe that a bond issue is the best way to get the work done."

Declaring that the city was ten years behind time, W. R. Farrington, made a strong plea for the bond election. "We can't get the money too soon," he said, "and we can't spend it too fast."

P. L. Wenner declared that the need of sewer and water development was a blockade on the line of progress. He showed that the program of road improvement could not be carried on without first laying water and sewer mains. He favored long term bonds for the reason that the persons in the future who will benefit from the improvement should be obliged to stand some of the expense.

Attorney E. W. Sutton in expressing his approval of a bond election declared that the improvements required could not be put in too soon and that if an election is called that it would carry with an overwhelming majority.